

## **PROCLAMATION**

## "THE NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH" OCTOBER 2022

- WHEREAS, for years, our arts and humanities have been a beacon of light and understanding, recording our history and advancing new ways of thinking; and
- WHEREAS, this National Arts and Humanities month, we celebrate our Nation's visionary artists, scholars, and creators whose work touches and reveals the soul of our people; and
- WHEREAS, the theme for this year's celebration is "Faasao le Gagana Samoa ma le Aganu'u ina nei mou atu." or "Save our Samoan Language and Culture from Extinction."
- WHEREAS, this critical support comes on top of a historic Executive Order signed by the President of the United States of America to promote the arts, humanities, and museums and library services across the country; and
- WHEREAS, we are committed to making the arts and humanities more accessible to people of every age and background, uplifting more voices, inspiring new generations, and showing the full power of our example as a great Nation; and
- WHEREAS, together, we will keep working to support artists, scholars, and leaders who will help tell our full story as a Nation; and
- WHEREAS, the steps we are taking this month will support American Samoan creators and communities, foster new understanding, and inspire us all to tackle our toughest challenges and keep pushing forward to form a More Perfect Union.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALAUEGA E. V. ALE,** Acting Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as the National Arts and Humanities month. I call on the people of American Samoa to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and celebrations and by giving thanks to our Almighty God for His many blessings on American Samoa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the Seal of my office on this // day of // , in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.

TALAUEGA E. V. ALE